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SUBJECT: 69TH FAO COUNCIL

1. AFTER INDEPENDENT CHAIRMEN OPENED MEETING WITH PLEA FOR COOPERATION, MEXICO ASKED WHETHER PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL CONFERENCES, RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THESE MEETING (AND ALSO REGIONAL COMMISSIONS) WOULD BE DISCUSSED. DIRECTOR-GENERAL TOOK FLOOR AND EXPERTLY SUCCEEDED IN DEFERRING ITEM UNTIL 70TH COUNCIL (NOV-DEC 1976). SAOUMA SAID MATTER SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WITH REFERENCE TO ALL REGIONAL CONFERENCES AND HE NEEDED CONSULT THREE COUNTRIES CONCERNED. SAID HE WISHED ALSO TO REVIEW PRACTICE IN OTHER AGENCIES, NAMELY UNESCO AND ILO.

2. COUNCIL READILY ADMITTED MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA AS OBSERVERS AND A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES, GUINEA, BRAZIL, GABON, MEXICO, SUDAN, BULGARIA, BURUNDI, PANAMA AND THE CONGO MADE WELCOMING ADDRESS. MOST SPOKE ALONG UNIVERSALITY, SOLIDARITY LINE WITH GUINEA CITING "RACIST REGIME OF RHODESIA, MOZAMBIQUE STRONGLY CRITICIZED IAN SMITH, REFERRED ALSO TO RACIST REGIME AND BARBAROUS ACTS, ETC. ANGOLA GAVE SOMEWHAT STATESMANLIKE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SPEECH OF GRATITUDE AND INTENTION TO WORK THROUGH FAO TO DEVELOP AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY.

3. DEBATE ON ITEM 4 WAS INITIATED WITH THIRTEEN COUNTRIES

SPEAKING. TONE IS ALMOST COMPLETE SUPPORT FOR DIRECTOR-GENERAL WITH FAIR NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WELCOMING HIS COMMENTS ON DESIRE TO WORK WITHIN UN SYSTEM AND EFFECT COORDINATION AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL. THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH, WHICH ACKNOWLEDGED RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE BEING PRIMUS INTER PARES AT COUNTRY LEVEL, WAS EXTREMELY FRANK AND CLEARLY ARTICULATED. IT MAY HAVE BEEN IN PART AS A REBUTTAL TO UNDP AND ITS RECENT COUNCIL'S DISCUSSIONS. COPIES BEING POUCHED IO/AGR. UK, FRG AND JAPAN STILL LIKING FOR WAY TO TAKE FAIRLY STRONG STANCE BUT APPARENTLY WAITING FOR A LEADER. U.S. SPEECH ALONG LINES POSITION DOCUMENT WAS WELL RECEIVED.

4. REPRESENTATIVES OF FRG AND THE CONGO WERE ELECTED AS VICE CHAIRMEN. BEAUDRY

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